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[Despatch Abstract.]

Madras Legislative Assembly - Question No.250 - M.A. Mohamed Ibrahim Sahib Bahadur, M.L.A. - Inadequacy of pensions - Papers - Recorded.

REVISED SCALE OF PENSIONS
(Assembly Proceedings dated 16-9-1947)

³⁶²362 - M.A. MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM SAHIB BAHADUR: Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Finance be pleased to state --

(a) whether representations have been made to the Government that the revised scale of pensions to the pensioners is not adequate;

(b) if so, what steps the Government propose to take in the matter; and

(c) whether the revised scale is fixed with reference to the rising cost of living and in conformity with the revised scale for the other service?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- (a) and (b): The Government have not so far ~~revised~~ revised the scale of pension admissible under the Civil Service Regulations to Government Servants in superior service. If the question relates to the revised rates of temporary increase in small pensions sanctioned recently, the following information is supplied. The rates of temporary increase as revised are:-

Persons drawing less than Rs.40	Rs.8
Persons drawing Rs.40 and above but not exceeding Rs.100/-	" 9
The above rates remain in operation until further orders.	

Representations have been made that the above relief is not adequate. The rates fixed were based on the recommendation of the Cabinet salaries sub-committee. The Government after careful consideration decided that the rates need not be revised further.

(c) The revised rates are given by the Government as a concession in view of the increased cost of living and on the recommendation of the Cabinet Salaries sub-Committee. They are not linked by any formula to the cost of living.

The pensioners do not stand on the same footing as Government servants on duty and therefore the Government do not admit that the rate of temporary increase in pension sanctioned to pensioners should be proportionate to the rates of dearness or cost of living allowances sanctioned to persons in service.

BEGUM SULTAN MIR AMIRUDDIN: When officials drawing a salary of Rs.1000/- and above are in receipt of dearness allowance, may I enquire why dearness allowance should not be given to those in receipt of a pension below Rs.200?

HE HON. B. GOPALA REDDI:- I may inform the Hon'ble Lady Member that Government servants drawing a salary of over Rs.1000/- do not get any cost of living allowance after 15th August 1947.

As regards the other point, I have made enquires in Delhi. Neither the Government of India nor any other Provincial Government have given enhanced pensions. I do not see why pensioners here alone should be given.

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know on what basis the Government arrived at their conclusions regarding the temporary increase?

^{Sub}THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- Last year, the Cabinet Salaries Committee went into the whole question and perhaps in view of the inadequacy of the pension, recommended that Rs.8 and Rs.9 might be given to low paid pensioners?

^{Shahid}~~THE~~ M.A. MUHAMMAD IBRAHIM BAHADUR: Having regard to the rise in the cost of living to the extent of 500 per cent will the Government be pleased to better the lot of pensioners drawing less than Rs.40 by further enhancing the temporary increase?

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THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- As far as I am aware this is the only Government that have increased the pensions. I do not see why they should be increased further.

MUHAMMED ABDUL SALAM SAHIB BAHADUR: In view of the answer that the Central and other Provincial Governments are not giving increased pensions are we to take it that we have a Finance Minister who has no initiative ?

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI:- It is this Government and the Cabinet Salaries sub-Committee that have taken the initiative in giving enhanced pensions.

M. MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR: May I know on what basis the Government arrived at these amounts of Rs.8 and 9.

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI. I shall be glad to give the information if the Hon'ble Member puts a separate question.

Finance (Pension) Deptt.

Starred Legislative Council Question No.125 to be put by
Sri B. Bhima Rao, M.L.C.

Question No.125:

Will the Hon'ble the Minister for Finance be pleased to state:-

- (a) the amount of increase granted to Govt. pensioners of non-gazetted ranks,
- (b) whether the amount is in proportion to the increase granted to those still in service, and
- (c) the amount of increase granted to pensioners who retired as gazetted officers.

Draft Answer

(a) and (c): As recommended by the Cabinet Salaries Committee, the Government have sanctioned with effect from 1-1-47 temporary increase to pensioners at the following enhanced rates.

Temporary increase per mensem

Pensions of less than Rs.40/- p.m.	Rs.8
Pensions of Rs.40 and above but not exceeding Rs.100	" 9
(Pensions exceeding Rs.100 p.m. but not exceeding 109/- to receive such increase as would bring the total pension to Rs.109/- p.m.)	

no separate rates have been prescribed for pensioners who retired as non-gazetted and gazetted officers, but all pensioners drawing pensions within the above limits are eligible for the temporary increase, until further orders.

(b) The pensioners do not stand on the same footing as Govt. servants on duty and therefore the Govt. do not admit that the rate of temporary increase of pension sanctioned to pensioners should be proportionate to the increase granted to Govt. servants on duty.

(Note:- The above answer has been approved by H.M. Finance.)

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Finance (Pen.) Department.

Please see the typed copy of the printed proceedings of the question on pp.7-8 above. The question was answered on 16-9-1947. No further action is necessary. The papers may be recorded.

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